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(54) WHITENING AGENT

(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain a whitening agent excellent in skin whitening effect and preventing and treating stain or freckles due to sunburn, etc., and a skin cosmetic containing the agent.

CONSTITUTION: This skin cosmetic is obtained by blending 0.0001-10wt.%, preferably 0.001-5wt.% pep-

tides expressed by the formula Pro-Thr-His-Ile-Lys-Trp-Gly- Asp, Pro-Thr-His-Ile-Lys-Trp, Ile-Lys-Trp or Leu-Lys-Trp. Further, the skin cosmetic is properly blended with a component used in conventional cosmetics, quasi-drugs, medicines, etc., and prepared in lotion, milky lotion, cream, ointment, stick, solution by an organic solvent, pack or gel. The peptides suppress melanogenesis of melanocyte and exhibit excellent melanization preventing and improving effect.

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